

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. National Phase of  
PCT/GB98/00963 of:

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SEQUENCING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the  
following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At line 1, please add the following sentence:

is the National Stage of  
--This application claims priority to International Patent Application Number:  
PCT/GB98/00963 (published as WO 98/44152) filed April 1, 1998 which is incorporated by reference herein in  
its entirety.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

**Note:** the claims under amendment are claims 1-21 as originally filed and part  
of claim 21-24 on amended sheet 52 attached to the copy of the specification, and which was  
submitted with applicant's response letter of February 18, 1999.

Claim 3, line 1, please delete "any preceding claim" and substitute therefor

--claim 1--.